

## MEETS ON MONDAY

THE COMING SESSION OF CONGRESS WILL BE BUSY.

A Host of Issues Claim for Recognition—The List of Unfinished Business is Formidable and Comprises Matters of Great Importance. Among Them State Admission Measures and Various Labor Problems—Labor and Capital Will Line Up.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Enactment of necessary appropriation measures, coupled with probable ship-subsidy legislation in a modified form and the consideration of isthmian canal legislation, comprises the present program of the closing session of the Fifty-eighth congress, which will open at noon Monday. Unless all signs fall comparatively little attempt will be made to accomplish anything else of importance, unless it be the passage of the bill of Mr. Hill of Connecticut to improve currency conditions or the bill of Mr. Fowler of New Jersey, permitting national banks to make loans upon real estate.

As to brand new legislation, but little is expected during the short session. Congress will be kept pretty busy getting through its appropriations, and attending to routine matters. It seems to be understood that there will be a river and harbor bill and an omnibus public building bill introduced at this session. Never before was there a greater demand on the treasury for money for river and harbor improvements and for new public buildings, and it appears certain that unless Speaker Cannon and Chairman Hemenway, of the house committee on appropriations, stubbornly resist the plans members will make to "get in on" the appropriations, the two bills will carry enormous appropriations.

The unfinished business of congress is represented by several thousand bills, some of which have been considered by committee and reported favorably; some passed by the house and held up by the senate, and others (the great majority) unconsidered in committee. The unfinished business in which the country has manifested greatest interest may be summarized as follows:

Bill to confer additional power on the interstate commerce commission.

The pure food bill.

The Hepburn-Dolliver bill to regulate the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquors.

The bill for the reform of the consular service.

Legislation for the further restriction of immigration.

The anti-injunction bill.

The eight-hour bill.

Senator Fairbanks' bill providing for a three-department government building in Washington.

The statehood bill providing for the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Indian territories as two states.

Bill for the protection of the president.

Undoubtedly the friends of these measures will press them forward for consideration as opportunity offers, and some of them will probably be made into law. Evidently there is much popular interest in the pure food bill. The house passed it last session and it received some consideration in the senate, but in the rush of the last few weeks it was sidetracked.

The so-called labor bills—the anti-injunction bill and the eight-hour bill—did not get out of committee in the house last session. Hearings that lasted for weeks were held, but neither the judiciary committee, which has the anti-injunction bill, nor the committee on labor, which has the eight-hour bill, reached a vote on the question of reporting.

Among the so-called side issues, there are several that promise to attract much public attention. The Crum appointment will probably be removed from the field of serious controversy by the changed attitude of Senator Tillman, who announces that he will no longer stand in the way of Crum's confirmation.

Much interest will, of course, center in the Reed Smoot case. The case has already dragged through a full year, and the senate committee on privileges and elections seem anxious to get it off their hands. Undoubtedly they will decide to close it up in short order unless it is deemed expedient to send a sub-committee to Utah to take testimony.

Monday, the opening day of the session, will be devoted to the reading of the president's message, which is expected to be one of the most important state papers in recent years.

## Weather Report.

Temperature and precipitation for the past week, recorded by H. F. Johnson, official observer at Pendleton:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Nov. 26	46	40	trace
Nov. 27	58	40	.12 in
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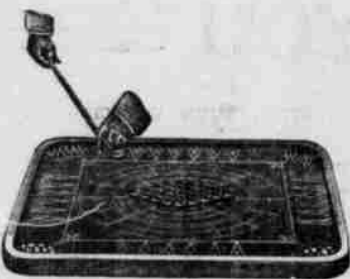
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